Claim 12, line 1, delete "to 11, <u>characterized in</u> that" and insert therefor --, wherein --.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "to 12, <u>characterized in</u> that" and insert therefor --, wherein --.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "to 13, <u>characterized in</u> that" and insert therefor ---, wherein ---.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "to 14, <u>characterized in</u> that" and insert therefor --- , wherein ---.

Claim 16, line 1, change "characterized in that" to -- wherein --.

REMARKS

The foregoing preliminary amendment is being submitted to better conform the instant application to U.S. format and eliminate multiple claim dependencies. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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